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## CHICAGO MAN AVERS HE HAS CONFIDENCE IN WIFE CONCERNED IN SHOOTING CASE

J. C. Le Duc Expresses Loyalty to His Spouse Who Is Lying in a Philadelphia Hospital With Bullet in Her Brain.

### TELLS HER TO CHEER UP; THAT ALL IS FORGIVEN

Wounded Woman Gives the First Coherent Account of Shooting Scare That Claims Lives of Two; Act of Jealousy.

**By Evening Herald Leased Wire.** Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 28.—Husband to the wife of his wife, the one survivor in the triple shooting at a hotel here early yesterday, J. C. Le Duc of Chicago, today said that he had every confidence in her loyalty to him and that he would stick to her through all her trouble.

Mrs. Le Duc is Jeffersonian housewife and improved today and physicians expect her to recover. She was shot by Mrs. Harry, widow of New York, who found her and J. C. Gruen, son of New York, in a hotel room. Mrs. Le Duc's husband, who had deserted her after a friendship of two years and also ended her own life. At the hospital Le Duc told his wife to cheer up and that he would forgive her and take her back to Chicago.

Mrs. Le Duc said she came to Philadelphia to train and not to continue as reported to see her nephew. She denied that she had traveled to various cities with Gruen and suggested that her identity had been confused with that of Mrs. Belter.

The wounded woman said Gruen had her to bad rooms to Philadelphia with Mrs. Belter and then incited her to go back to New York.

She said she and Gruen went to a theater last night and then to a dance on the spot where she left it in her room on the floor below. Mrs. Le Duc further said she returned to New York that night and after the dance she went with Gruen to his room for the sole purpose of getting the hand bag. As they entered, Mrs. Le Duc said, Mrs. Belter, who Gruen thought he had induced to return to New York, jumped from a closet and began shooting.

### Ramos Has Charge of The Hunt for Villa

**By Evening Herald Leased Wire.** El Paso, Tex., Sept. 28.—General Matias Ramos has left Chihuahua City with a large force of Chihuahua troops and with orders from General Jacinto B. Trevino to divide his forces and capture the troops in such positions as to prevent Villa from moving northward toward the American ex-Bedouin force and the border, according to a message received today from General Trevino by Carrasco, Andres J. Garcia. The commander of the northern forces said he had given General Barnes Bill, command of the campaign against Villa and his subordinates.

Although his itinerary has not been definitely arranged, it is said he will deliver addresses at Chicago, Indianapolis, Denver, El Paso, Texas, and San Francisco.

## STEAMSHIP LINES ON THE PACIFIC COAST WILL CONSOLIDATE

**Big Merger Has Been Arranged for Effective November 1; Vessels Involved Are Said to be Valued at \$12,000,000.**

**By Evening Herald Leased Wire.** San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 28.—Merger of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, owned in New York, and the Pacific Alaska Navigation company into a new steamship company, to be known as the Pacific Steamship Company, was announced here last night.

The merger affecting thirteen large passenger and freight steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship company and nine of the Pacific-Mexico Navigation company, will go into effect November 1. It was ratified late today by the boards of directors of the Pacific Coast Company and the Pacific Alaska Navigation Company, the former meeting in New York, and the latter in Tacoma.

The financial details of the merger were not given out in the announcement made here, but the vessels involved are said to be valued at more than \$12,000,000.

The merger involves ships aggregating more than 25,000 tons, the tonnage of the Pacific Coast Steamship company being more than 24,000, and that of the Pacific Alaska Navigation company more than 21,000.

All of the vessels of both fleets are engaged in coastwise service on the Pacific, excepting the Admiral, the steamer of New York, which was bought last year by the Admiral line on the west coast, and now engaged under charter in the sugar trade out of New York. The Admiral line is to be brought to that coast next year.

The service of both companies has extended from San Diego to Alaska, that of the Pacific Coast Steamship company reaching as far north as Nome.

**Announcement Confirmed.**

New York, Sept. 28.—William M. Farman, president of the Pacific Coast Steamship company here, today confirmed the announcement made yesterday by the company that the ships owned by the company will be operated jointly with those of the Pacific Alaska Navigation company under the control of a new company, called the Pacific Steamship Company.

The authorized capital of the new company is \$12,000,000, no stock.

### Roosevelt to Speak In Western States

**By Evening Herald Leased Wire.** Chicago, Ill., Sept. 28.—President Roosevelt will make at least five speeches in western states for Hughes and Fairbanks next month, according to reports today at western Republican headquarters.

Although his itinerary has not been definitely arranged, it is said he will deliver addresses at Chicago, Indianapolis, Denver, El Paso, Texas, and San Francisco.

### Steamers Are Forced To Surrender Mails

**By Evening Herald Leased Wire.** Berlin, Sept. 28.—By wireless to Saarbrücken. The steamer Zouastan, from Amsterdam for South American ports, bound from New York for Rotterdam and Arakakan from Java for Amsterdam, have been forced by the British to surrender their mails.

On the 25th of August, 1914, the steamer was captured by the British in the English Channel, and was taken to the British port of Falmouth, Wales, and remained there for 100 days.

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now being concentrated on the ridge northeast of Trebilcot. A scattered enemy battery with transports

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Sarban front: The enemy did not renew his attacks against Kastamonu and Amasra mountain. A small portion of the trench captured by the British during the past week has been shelled, but no marked increase in the British front of the ridge. The British front of the ridge has been captured by the British in the English Channel, and was taken to the British port of Falmouth, Wales, and remained there for 100 days.

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Our aeroplanes bombed Ken-

all to the southeast of Monsaliffe.

**Active on Somme.**

Paris, Sept. 28.—Today's official statement of operations on the western front says:

"On the Somme front our batteries continued actively to bombard German organizations. There was no infantry action during the night."

"On the right bank of the Meuse

(Verdun front): a strong German at-

tack was defeated during the night

against the Thiaumont-Piersmont

front. The enemy sustained some

successes in the fire of our machine

guns and artillery.

"Everywhere else the fight was

quiet."

**United States Sub L-7 Is Launched**

**By Evening Herald Leased Wire.** Boston, Mass., Sept. 28.—The submarine L-7 was delivered today by the California Manufacturing Company while an audience of the friends of Edward S. Edwards, Whipple Hall, Adams and Paul Jones, drove past him with their whistles.

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